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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CONGRESS.-Senate: Mr. Lodge spoke at length on the pending arbitration treaties, contending for the adoption of his resolution to clarify their meaning. The House transacted no important business

FOREIGN.-A special cable dispatch FOREIGN —A special cable dispatch to The Tribune from Peking said the situation caused — Yuan's troops revolting was most serious; no foreigners were killed, but much of their property was destroyed; reinforcements were sent to the legations; a bullet just missed the American Minister, W. J. Calhoun, and a shell fell in the legation compound.

—— Efforts to avert the British coal in the secure proper action. Sharp protests ought to be sent to the legation of passengers. It indicates that this coal indicates that this country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary by a broad marking the country has the primary before the country has the primary before the country has the primary before the country and the country has the primary before the country has the primary before the country and the country has the primary before the country has the country has the primary has the prima strike failed, almost one million men quitting; a bill was drawn to be offered prices to the Mexican rebels could not be prohibited. Thirty-six were killed in a revolt in the Monterey penitentiary.

M. de la Barra, ex-President of Mexico, declined to be Ambassador to France, and said he would return to Mexico on March 15. Secretary Knox sailed from Colon for Costa Rica, after passing the day inspecting the Panama Canal. Santo Domingo Santo Domingo rebels lost twelve killed, and the gov-ernment troops had twenty-two casualin a battle near the Haytlan fron-

bathtub trust suit. == The official minutes of the weekly meetings of pack-The official at Chicago. — The jurors who tried John B. Snead for the murder of Cap-The larg st Mississippi River packet steamer, J. E. Trudeau, was burned to the water's edge and sank at New Orleans. the intent and h

of the Yerkes estate, the value of which was variously estimated at one time up \$25,000,000, showed it to be worth b divided between holdings and in Chicago. ——— A family of five, father, mother and three small children. were killed in their home by illuminating gas from a jet that the police believe was left open accidentally.—
The federal government filed a suit to recover \$592,000 from Kastor & Bros., importers, for alleged under aluminos of sulers.——Four prisoners were incutlery. === Four prisoners were on four counts each for the \$25,000 taxicab robbery, and it was expected three of them would plead guilty when arraigned to-day. — Donald former president of the Stock Exchange, dropped dead a train in the Jersey tube. == City officials planned to consider the Interdelay. — Witnesses in the food in-quiry testified that egg dealers placed

THE WEATHER .- Indications for today: Generally fair. The temperature mitted. yesterday: Highest, 32 degrees; low-

CHANGING THE "POOR MAN'S

COURT."

Colne, of Kings County, and already re- tors is herewith recalled. He favored ported for passage, which amends the the Interborough offer of December, more definite. He assures us that "there where we had to wait more than an hour law by giving the Municipal Court juris- 1916, which called for a preferential "is a way in which the government can diction over actions involving sums up to payment. He voted for the terms agreed "add to its revenue and do justice to all \$1,500, might not unreasonably be de- upon with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit "its citizens." What is that way? He scribed as "an act to abolish the poor Company, by which that company is to talks about getting the money from the man's court." At present the limit is get a preferential payment. He subservice and "leaving the poor untouched." \$500. Actions in this city involving quently and on many occasions de- Does that mean that he purposes im-

fixed at \$500. The institution was rascality," and being especially severe to know just how Mr. Cummins is going planned so that when the plain, average upon the provision for a preference con- to get the extra millions out of the rich citizen had \$25 or \$50 in litigation the tained in them. And now he hails the alone without adding to the taxation of suit need not be brought in a court where present agreement, of which the prefer- those not so classifiable. actions involving hundreds or thousands of dollars were being tried and where long delays were involved. Some law- cember, 1910, which was "frittered" lutely right. Any pension bill creating yers having a Municipal Court practice away. The Court of Appeals will be a new annual liability of either \$40, may wish to bring their larger cases asked to pass upon the constitutionality 000,000 or \$70,000,000 ought to carry as to trial in the courts and under the pro- of the preferential payment if the pres- one of its sections new tax legislation cedure with which they are most fa. ent plans are accepted. It is plain, assuring the collection of one or other millar rather than to bring those actions therefore, that however the court may of those sums. We hope that Mr. Cumin the City or the Supreme Court Tue decide the question the Mayor will have mins will see to it that the new income judges of the Municipal Court may also been right half of the time. court, and, in a sense, its "dignity," by ITALO-TURKISH INTERVENTION. wish to increase the jurisdiction of that putting it more nearly on the plane of Talk about intervention in the Italothe City Court. But any step in this Turkish War by other European powers direction is almost certain to interfere or even of offers of mediation would with the efficiency of the Municipal have more moral force if there had been ing New Jersey justices of the peace of Court in the work for which it was pri- more efforts to prevent the war or to the power to perform marriage ceremomarily established. If its calendars are halt it at the beginning. The peace nies was effected with a promptness and loaded with larger cases those same de- agreements at The Hague, to which the unanimity which probably surprised even lays, now familiar in other courts, are two belligerents and all possible medialikely to occur which in the settlement tors and interventors are parties, exof a small claim amount practically to a pressly provide that efforts shall be made denial of justice. Moreover, judges with to avert war through impartial tenders this power, especially in Jersey City, wonders. It had been a strength of the Supreme Court of New York, Judge the best intentions, if burdened with of good offices, as also through the seek- Hoboken and Camden. It has not been cases involving larger sums, are likely ing of mediation by potential belliger- edifying to see justices of the peace pub- on an Eighth avenue car the New Yorker Senator Rayner, Alton B. Parker, Oscar S. to be impressed with the responsibility ents. The spirit of the agreements licly competing by means of all sorts of of dealing with them, to the neglect of makes these things moral duties. But so as careful attention to litigation seem- far as the world knows they were neg- marrying couples whose unions were of ingly of less moment.

Court first contemplated an increase of tediously as to be an international nuisalaries for the judges, making them sance. The result is that belated action equal to those in the City Court, as well at this time would have the appearance, as the broadening of its jurisdiction. The salary part of the plan was abandoned, ish motives of comfort and convenience effect assured it. But there is reason many wonderful things and heard a lot that chillan Minister here, has been made an incomplete the plan was abandoned. but if the responsibility of the court is than by a generous and benevolent deincreased it will not be long before the sire to restore the peace of the world. salary increase comes. The present regarded with sympathy of entirely well disposed people. In the ling was to be the bighest in the world, I spitch the centenary of peace between Great

the ground that it would wipe out the fallen into the condition of a drawn "marrying parsons" who are authorized just passed is 100 feet." ties now provided for the careful and sured ability to conquer the other. Italy status as ministers of some church deprompt handling of the small litigation possesses the African littoral, but canof the ordinary citizen. Practically the not go in and occupy the inland regions. pits, and who are fully as careless, not same thing should not be accomplished Turkey holds her ground inland, but canpiecemeal or by indirection. Let the not drive the Italians from the coast credited justices. We expect to see their and useful function in our judicial ma- fabled conflict between the elephant and chinery.

DANGER TO TENEMENT REGULA-TION.

Strong pressure is being exerted in Albany to induce Governor Dix to veto the Wagner bill amending the tenement house law, the effectiveness of which was greatly impaired by the recent Court of Appeals decision. For years efforts have been made to get one class or another of multiple family houses exempted from the supervision of the Tenement House Department. This decision of the court, that the building code definition of an apartment house as one having separate kitchens and bathrooms with fixed tubs removes from the class of tenements all such buildings, operates to produce sweeping exemptions. The require supervision by the Tenement building code was not broad enough to cover quarters for the poor requiring the strictest supervision. If the law is left as it stands new tenements will be so planned as to escape regulation by the Tenement House Department and the United States in the third quarter of work of years to assure decent living last year, according to the official staconditions for the poor will be undone. least, recognized the exigency and sent and a half times as great as the num-Governor by those interested in decent country has the primacy by a broad mar-

A STRONG POSITION. In an article in the current issue of "The Outlook," which we quote at length this morning. President Taft restates his confident bellef that the voters devices and methods for constructing and will show at the polls next fall their preference for his programme of scient prefitable. Comparison of the railroad tific tariff revision over the rival Demo-DOMESTIC .- Federal Judge Angell at cratic programme of slashing away at with those which men now growing old the higher critics say. St. Louis ordered the acquittal of seven defendants in the trial of the so-called programme of stashing away at the schedules in the dark. He is entirely willing to go to the country on his policy of maintaining an expert tariff board other industry. But it is impossible to were read to the jury in the trial for the purpose of supplying information avoid the reflection that if efforts to in a special dispatch from Philadelphia as to industrial conditions here and tain A. G. Boyce, at Fort Worth, Tex. were discharged, after being out 112 rates and of using that information to hours without reaching a verdict. — make the protection given fairly represent the difference in the cost of production here and abroad. If the Demoowners of Lawrence, Mass, agreed to grant concessions to the operatives.

The Allen bill, providing for the repeat of the Frawley law establishing a retate at a taletic commission for the regulation of boxing, was reported favorably by the Assembly Indicary Committee.

rayored state control of water resources. It is becoming more and more evident fluenced by merely fiscal considerations. CITY.—Stocks were dull and irregular.

A young husband, whose wife died giving birth to their first child killed the giving birth to their first child killed.

Representatives has merely "we ought to do, whether in doing it "played politics" with the tariff. It "we add to our appropriations twent; The report on the transfer tax appraisal has pretended to be willing to do every- "millions, forty millions or seventy thing possible to reduce tariff rates in "millions." But in deference to the the consumers' interest, but at the same opinions of those who have pointed out neighborhood of \$4,000,000, about time it has manœuvred so as to bring that the government's revenues are not strikers' children to soup kitchens for reabout a deadlock with the President large enough to meet an extra annual lief show the condition to which the and to prevent actual reduction at any draft of either forty millions or seventy authorities condemned them by preventpoint. Whether Mr. Underwood aimed millions he is willing to concede that ing the "neglect" of sending them to operated to keep the present schedule at the same time that it votes larger fed. intact and to discredit the sincerity of pensions. the Democratic party's boasted purpose to lighten tariff taxation. Had Mr. Un- mysterious about the sort of new taxaderwood been a confessed "stand-patter" tion which he favors levying. He says be could not have labored more adroitly that the present ordinary income of the Donald or successfully to prevent tariff legisla- government is practically all obtained New tion of any sort by this Congress.

programme of indirection and false preberough's latest subway offer without tence. President Taft is right in holding that the voters will approve his plan large quantities of eggs in cold storage of intelligent, orderly, non-political relast summer and held them for higher vision in preference to the evasive, hapof intelligent, orderly, non-political rebazard, dark lantern method to which the Democratic party has been com-

RIGHT HALF THE TIME.

Mayor Gaynor's position respecting other sources than customs and internal The bill introduced by Assemblyman preferential payments to subway opera- revenue is it to be obtained? sums larger than that must be brought nounced the provision for such a pay- posing an income tax without waiting in the City Court or the Supreme Court. | ment as unconstitutional.

in litigation to be considered by it was last summer, calling them "damnable ances de luxe? It would be interesting

lected and have been neglected until

Even thus, however, efforts at mediatwo bites of the cherry. A bill frankly and with a desire for their success, while very cities in which the wrongs done by believed you implicitly, but my credulity Britain and the United States.

"poor man's court" and lessen the facili- game. Neither belligerent shows as-"poor man's court" keep its distinctive into the sea. It is a realization of the the whale, or the tiger and the shark. There is the possibility, which was discussed the other day, of Italy's seeking to force Turkish relinquishment of Tripoli and Cyrene by ravaging the Turkish coasts in Asia and Europe; but there are obvious and weighty objections to

of an apartment house contained in the would rest upon the professions of the and useful system. participants in the peace congresses.

AN UNENVIABLE PRIMACY.

The death roll on the railreads of the tistics of the Interstate Commerce Com-Governor Dix himself, originally at mission, was 2.889, or more than two

> convict us of one of two things. Either we are lacking in inventive ingenuity or we are lacking in care. Probably most people will think that the latter is the case. Certainly a high degree of ingenuity is shown in the inventing of new operating railroads and for making them cars and engines and roadbed of to-day can remember in their youth discloses an advance probably unsurpassed in any spects the death roll now would be much smaller than it is.

Ly the Assembly Judiciary Committee and down arbitrarily to suit the whims a general pension bill at this session.

A direct primary bill was introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Robinson. of politicians or appearse the demands of favored sections and interests.

The Senator from Iowa is a little by taxation "on the consumption of the The country is sick of the Underwood people." He naturally shrinks from increasing that sort of taxation, confesspenditure would, as a consequence, require us to still further tax the consumption of the people, and especially "of the poor people, I would hesitate "long before giving my assent to any "increase in appropriations." But if Merely to get the record straight, new revenue must be raised, from what

When the Municipal Court was estab- He declined to vote for the terms ar- inheritance tax or an excise tax on lished the limit on the amount involved ranged with the Interborough company automobiles, yachts and other convey-

incurred.

MARRIAGE FACILITIES IN NEW JERSEY.

The enactment of the bill for deprivits most earnest advocates. The incident which has long been felt at the abuse of advertising dodges for the business of

to consolidate the Municipal and the City actual intervention might commend itself courts would undoubtedly be opposed on by its results. The war seems to have there are various more or less notorious that passed is 100 feet."

The property of the function of the property of the proper to perform marriages by virtue of their nomination, though perhaps without pulto say unscrupulous, as any of the dispatronage largely increased in response to the sensational and suggestive bids which they are publicly making for the This Year's Cup of Coffee Should Go reversion of the justices trade. There would seem, moreover, to be a

cities and large towns it will be possible and the one in to-day's paper, on "The accumulated faster than he could take care while there for the other accumulated faster than he could take care while there for the other accumulated faster than he could take care while there for the other accumulated faster than he could take care while there for the other accumulated faster than he could take care while there for the other accumulated faster than he could take care while there for the other accumulated faster than he could take care while there for the other care while there for the other care while the other c for couples to go before the mayors or Voice of a Remnant," thoroughly coincide of it. momentous operation, the ulterior comthere are many smaller communities in

Directions and ultimate consequences. But made this summer. Mr. Laft as Mr. Taft's running mate, saying that undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the President and Mr. Sherman had not been selected undoubtedly owes his nomination in 1908 to the Preside plications and ultimate consequences of which there are no mayors or judges Mr. Roosevelt, but that fact does not give the President and Mr. Sherman has found in the subject, that no Cabinet offiwhich it is impossible to foregoe and and make a present the subject of the sub which it is impossible to foresee and and none within many miles. Yet they ticularly formidable would it be in a titled to be married and who wish for case like this, in which a number of a case like this, in which a number of a purely civil ceremony. They will now is very unseemly in Mr. Roosevelt to reach Presidency with the President. jealous powers are interested. It is be placed in an awkward predicament for it, or even to express a wish to have it. scarcely conceivable that such action by and sometimes put to inconvenience and any single power would be tolerated by expense. That is not a desirable or an Tribune to-day about the third cup of cofthe rest of Europe, and it is by no means inevitable accompaniment of the correccertain that concerted action by all of tion of abuses of the marrying power. will say that it is appropriate and expresses them would be possible of arrangement. It would surely be possible for the Legisspecious argument is used that high Yet if the war, after being started as it lature to provide some scheme for the stage of the campaign. I think it is one class and expensive apartments do not was in utter disregard of the principles facilitation of legitimate civil marriages, of the best of the many good ones of Mr. of The Hague, were to be permitted to if, indeed, it was not possible to correct Robinson. House Department, as if the definition drag on year after year a grave reproach abuses without entirely abolishing an old Cross River, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1912.

> The proposed razing of the Criminal To the Editor of The Tribune. Courts Building would be a great gain for the City Beautiful.

was regarded by the people of the United | all. States as a reason for their prompt and unfailing response to the needs of Latin-American states which might require assistance toward better government or toward the meeting of the just obligations of government. In other words, the doctrine is not to be a mere formal ship and party ties up to the end of his caveat, but a vital bond of sympathy term as President. I supported him with Mediterranean. between this country and its neighbors. pride, believing him a noble President,

The great strike is on in the United Kingdom, despite the efforts of the gov- seemed right. I boasted of the square deal ernment, with ground for fearing that and fair play. its actual occurrence will embitter feelings and inflame passions so as to render conciliation impossible until one side if not both shall have suffered some of the pangs of exhaustion.

"The New York Times" published yesterday this astonishing information To the Editor of The Tribune. safeguard human lives had been as ear- dealing with the election of delegates writer in to-day's issue-"Disgusted"-I nest and persistent as were the efforts from Pennsylvania to the Republican like the other one much better, "Delighted." egates, the Taft leaders expect to enforce the unit rule by caucus, and in this way give President Taft the en-"tire delegation." The unit rule was put out of business in Republican na- To the Editor of The Tribunc. tional conventions as long ago as 1876, resuscitated in 1912. Every delegate in a Republican national convention is entitled to the free expression of his individual convictions and preferences

> L . Wiley says the rumor that he is to resign is "pure fiction." If it had only I have always admired Colonel Roosebeen impure fiction he might after it with his bureau.

Frequent visits by the Lawrence at that result or not, his leadership has Congress ought to impose new taxation good homes where they would be well

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

had never before carried a lighted eigar into the subway and he thought it "tough" ing frankly; "If I believed that to in- mindedness. A newspaper man consoled "crease pensions, or to add to the ex- him with this story: "When the campaign Roosevelt is making an egregious error, and Captain Sowerby, British naval attache, penditures of any other field of ex- against spitting was started I helped the had I the opportunity I would not again movement along by writing several articles the subject, for which the champions States. of the cause complimented me. These articles were followed by others and I was in the United States who is nearer to the again patted on the back. One cold, snowy morning, while climbing an elevated station, I had a coughing fit and spat upon a pile of dirty snow on the platform. Instantly an officer in plain clothes, smoking We wish that Mr. Cummins had been rested me, took me to the 57th street court, because the late Magistrate Walsh was as well as other legislators and judges. tardy, and then I was fined. I also thought Theodore Roosevelt is shrewd enough and it was 'tough.' "

Bronson-What's the best way to make love to a girl?

Dawson—The worst way possible. Then she'll think you mean it.—Puck.

A SHELLFISH ODE. [A benevelent widow has asked the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to prevent lobsters and clams being boiled alive and cysters being eaten raw.]

When lobsters boiling, writhing turn From envious green to cheerful red, It is no sign of grief or pain, But joy at "hot old time" instead.

When happy clams are being steamed. They ope their mouths and laugh with joy At thought of giving folks a food Which on their stomachs ne'er will cloy When living oyster jabbed with fork Is eaten raw it feels no pain.

But rather feels rejoiced to think It really has not lived in vain. The hearty scallop cut from shell. Or healthy mussel boiled in pot. Feels no suffering and no pain From use of knife and water hot FITZ NIGEL.

She-You didn't seem to like the new

She—You didn't seem to like the nesymphony at the concert last night.

He—No. The fact is, I ignored it.

She—Ignored it!
He—Yes. Mrs. Knozitall was with a you know, and she said she heard it Munich last year, and I couldn't show interest in anything as second-hand that, could I?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

is symptomatic of the popular disgust town, who was making his first visit to the President Taft, Chief Justice White, Govthe home of a fraternal order. Over the door, inscribed in bold capitals, were the Missouri. such dubious propriety as to invite haste letters I. O. O. F. "There," he said, "is A special invitation has been sent to Mrs. The plan for changing the Municipal now, when the war is dragging on so and concealment. All has been grist that something different from anything you Cleveland. The meeting will be open to and concealment. All has been grist that came to those marriage mills.

With the radical correction of such abuses we heartily sympathize, or should fifth measure which has just gone into effect assured it. But there is reason to fear that the new law has merely shifted the evil to another quarter while imposing a hardship on a large number of entirely well disposed people. In the very cities in which the wrongs done by

He-I took Dorothy to a musical last night. She-Was it good?
He-I don't know. I didn't hear much of it. Dorethy was telling me how 'ond she is of music.—Satire.

READERS ON ROOSEVELT

to Taft. To the Editor of The Tribune

judges of courts of record, though even with my views on the subject of the nom-Taft shall not be a candidate for renomina-The cartoon on the front page of The much that should be considered at this FRANK HUNT.

CAN'T VOTE FOR THE COLONEL.

Candidacy" you publish a few responses to public. didacy. I want to be recorded in that roll, ganization of the Department of Agricultadded, its highest efficiency-when it case I will remain at home and not vote at leave the service. AN OLD SOLDIER. New York, Feb. 28, 1912.

THE SQUARE DEAL.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I have followed the career of Mr. Roosevelt, in fear because of his impetuosity, and with hope because of relation-

questions which presented themselves here to-day for New York.

To-day the fairness and the squareness seem to be gone. Washington's example is have had a second term, and among them The "dawg" song in one respect is like but the people will not permit it-they know New York, Feb. 28, 1912.

HE'S "DEE-LIGHTED."

Sir: Referring to the password of a This is from one who has always been a [Colonel Roosevelt] get these eight delfor the last forty years.

E. J. STODDARD. Cheshire, Conn., Feb. 28, 1912.

HE WILL VOTE FOR TAFT.

Sir: I am a member of the Republican and there is no likelihood that it will be County Committee of the 7th Assembly District, which district William Halpin have no fault to find with Mr. Halpin's personal views, but if he thinks he expresses the views of the 7th District when he says it is for Colonel Roosevelt he is the cornerstone of the German Hospital. mistaken.

didate again, especially at this time, when God knows we can do very much better without him. I feel sure, however, that he can never "come back" after his revolutionary speech at Columbus.

I am for Taft. HENRY CLAY PIERCY. New York, Feb. 28, 1912. .

THE COLONEL'S MISTAKE.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: When the hysteria caused by Colonel Roosevelt's announcement that he is a Among the smokers who were caught in candidate for a third term as President of in the subway was a man who said that he leaders will probably more coolly and judidously discuss the planks in the raft which the irrepressible former President is buildo be fined for a first offence due to absent. Ing to carry him over the stormy waters of politics. Personally, I believe that Mr. vote for him as President of the United

We must all concede that there is no man common people than is Colonel Roosevelt. He knows that many people, rightly wrongly, believe that our government has fallen a prey to industrial and commercial combinations that control the quantity long elgar, under a 'no smoking' sign ar. the distribution of the necessaries of life and also create United States Senators and justices of the United States Supreme Court honest enough to see and acknowledge the realities of these evils. I do not think his dently used sophistry with himself to jus tify his conclusion that he should again be a candidate after pledging his word that he would not be.

Before such men as Roosevelt and La Follette and (although I do not class these gress and the United States Supreme Court as at present elected and appointed are powerless to protect the people from the above mentioned evils the people cannot be blamed if they demand the initiative, referendum and recall of public servants, including Judges. A BROOKLYN CLERGYMAN.

Brooklyn, Feb. 28, 1912.

CLEVELAND'S 75TH BIRTHDAY.

Notable Men to Attend Exercises in Memory of President.

and many strong admirers of the late Pres- gaged her to Postmaster General Hitchident, exercises in honor of the seventyfifth anniversary of his birth will be beld mate triends expressed it, the Postmaster In the Great Hall of the College of the City lost out in the homestretch. Miss Williams were \$43,114.35, of New York, St. Nicholas Terrare and is pretty, accomplished, vivacious and has 139th street, on March 17.

an acquaintance from a small Western ers. Those who have been invited include city, the various sights and architectural ernor Dix, Mayor Gaynor, the justices of both, and as they were journeying uptown Gray, of Delaware; Speaker Champ Clara, called his friend's attention to a quaint Straus, George B. Cortelyou, Governor Judlittle old building that for years has been son Harmon, Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and ex-Governor David R. Francis of

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Feb. 29 .- The President re mained in his private study the entire day arranged leap year cotilions of the season mained in his private study the entire day was given to-night by Miss Cameron for working on his mail. The rush of busi-working on his mail. The rush of busi-working on his mail. ness at the executive offices has been treness at the executive effices has been tre-mendous recently, Mr. Taft getting little here for the spring season. Miss Taft and her cousin, Miss Anderson, were among the mendous recently. Mr. Tall because of the time to devote to his mail because of the thirty couples, the other guests including unusually large number of callers. In addition to this, each mail has rearly swamped the President, his secretaries and corps and society in general. Mr. de Bach, the office force. Secretary Hilles also remained away from the executive offices to-

The White House denied the report that Vice-President Sherman had been selected etc. James Byrnes, of New York, who has that William Barnes, jr., did not mention and brought with her the Misses Baker,

President Taft was much amused at the President Taft was much amused at the heading of a letter he received to-day from of the day were Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wilkins, who entertained at dinner, and a Western justice of the peace, who wrote about political e-nditions in his s ate. It read: "Will baptize you, marry you, jail at luncheon. you or bury you while you wait."

Political letters reaching the White House changed from Roosevelt to Taft since the Thompson for several weeks, will sail for colonel's Columbus speech and third-term nnouncement. in a special message to-day President

Taft urged that an officer of the coast artillery corps be permitted to serve as an instructor in the army of Chil, pursuant Sir: Under the head of "The Colonel's to a request of that South American re-Mr. Roosevelt's announcement of his can- Commenting on the report that a reor-

Secretary Knox expressed a thought at I have voted for every Republican candi- ure would be undertaken in a short time Panama which cannot be too often nor date since Abraham Lincoln's time, but if and that Dr. Wiley would leave the govtoo earnestly repeated when he said that Mr. Roosevelt is nominated I will feel ernment service, Secretary Wilson sail the Monroe Doctrine would reach its obliged to vote for his opponent, whoever that, as far as he knew, there would be highest beneficence-and, he might have he may be, unless it be Bryan, in which no change and that Dr. Wiley would not Among the White House callers were the

Vice-President, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, Senators Root and Wetmore, Representatives Miller, Nye, Davidson and Curry and ex-Delegate Cameron, of Arizona.

Major Archibald W. Butt, military aid to the President, has obtained one month and twenty-four days' sick leave. He will sail from New York on Saturday for the

Jules Rosenwald, of Chicago, who was whose courageous management of the the guest of the President overnight, left

THE CABINET.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Feb. 29.-The President and season, having as hosts the Secretary of Mr. Roosevelt. Twelve have had only one, War and Mrs. Stimson. Invited to meet and he wishes to stop Mr. Taft with one, them were Justice and Mrs. Hughes. S nator Root, Major General and Mrs. Wood. the Iliad. It has no author, at least so he is honest and courageous and unselfied. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Griscom and Mr. and Mrs. James R Sheffield, of New York; Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Guthrie, leans, to Harold H. Seaman, of Milwaukee. Miss Annie M. Hegeman, Miss Fran es of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and

Mrs. Henry W. Farnam, of New Haven. THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Feb. 29.-The French Amassador and Mme, Jusserand were entertained at dinner to-night by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore. They were Mrs. Marburg's guests at the opera

The British Ambassador was the guest of honor at a meeting of the Washington Board of Trade to-night.

The German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McCormick at a dinner in Chicago on March 23, at which time the ambassador will officiate at the laying of The counsellor of the German Embassy line. and Mme. Haniel von Halmhausen entertained a dinner party of fifteen to-night.

tillon given by Miss Cameron. The German military attaché and Frau the city. von Herwarth entertained Brigadier General and Mrs. Wotherspoon, who will leave

luncheon to-day. Their other guests month. were the Austrian counsellor and Mme. von Loewenthal-Linau, the French naval SOCIAL NOTES FROM NEWPORT. attaché and Viscountess d'Azy, the German second secretary and Mine, Klenlin and Mrs. Coolidge, Miss Lippitt and Lieu-

tenant von Herwarth. Captein Baron F. Preuschen von und zu

York. The German naval attaché, Captain Retzmann, will return to sea duty when his successor arrives in this country, in March. will also return to sea duty, leaving here W. H. Taylor, of New York: H. H. Brad-

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

for his new post in the early future.

(From The Titbune Bureau.) Washington, Feb. 29,—Miss Taft and her

cousin, Miss Katherine Anderson, were the guests at dinner to-night of Mr. and Mrs. after a stay in Europe.

othy Williams Revived.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] motives should be impugned. He has evidential friend, has accentrated to-night the the president, the recretary and the atrumor of his engagement to Miss Dorothy forney were submitted. Nineteen new as-Williams, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. sociate members were admitted to the so-John R. Williams and sister of Mrs. Joseph ciety, including Otto T. Bannard, Frederick Letter. The friendship of Major Butt and G. Bourne, Thomas A. Buckner, Nicholas these evils must be removed. If the Congress and the United States Supreme Court but no confirmation or denial of the report tors, to serve until 1915, who were elected of the engagement could be obtained at yesterday were J. Augustus Johnson, Carl the home of Colonel Williams. As Major L. Schurz, Charles F. Wiebusch and Louis Butt will sail from New York on Saturday Windmiller. Manfred W. Ehrich and Louis for Naples, it is thought by some of Miss L. Seaman were elected to fill vacanies on Williams's friends that the engagement will the board. be announced just before his departure, or, In his report for the year Mr. von Briesen of Major Butt to this country in May, clety had done, mentioning the successful Some of their most ardently interested opposition to the Sullivan bill which protriends even suggest that they intend to be vided for the election of judges and magmarried quirtly and sail together on their istrates by districts, laws enacted through wedding journey.

ministration Association, formed of former she made her debut two or three years ago. by Joan sharks. attaches of the Cleveland administrations The most persistent of these rumors encock. But, as one of Miss William 's intidirect and danced with more and met Major held at the end of the business meeting. A New Yerker had spent the day showing | President Finley will be among the speak- Butt oftener than any other girl of the same set.

TAFT APPEALS FOR CHINA

Suggests Famine Relief Days for Contributions to Fund. The following letter from President Taft under date of February 26 has been re-

ceived in this city by W. B. Millar, secre- Rabbi Denies Report That He Is Comtary of the China Famine Relief Committee: Dear Mr. Millar; I sincerely trust that

Melville E. Ingalls, preceding the dance at Miss Cameron's

One of the liveliest and most charmingly Russian second secretary, led the cotillon. facilities for civil marriages. In the ruary 25, entitled "Roosevelt's Candidacy," day, to catch up with business, which has latter were drugs by the favors for the variegated chiffon scarfs, desk furnishings,

> Gist Blair entertained a number of guesta at dinner to-night, and among other hosts

Mrs. Robert McCormick, who entertained Miss Kathleen Beresford, of England, who has been staying with Miss Wood at show that a large number of persons have the home of Coionel and Mrs. Robert England on March 9. She was the guest of

> for a part of the winter. Miss Caryl Crawford is the guest of Miss Molly Elliot Seawell for the spring season. The Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Huntington Wilson have returned from Baltimore, where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wilson's father.

> Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pell in New York

NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, who have been at their shooting box in Yorkshire. England, for several weeks, will return to this country in about three weeks.

Mrs. Henry Clews gave a dinner last night at her house, in West 51st street, for the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh. Dinners were also given last night by William Douglas Sloane, Miss Frances Ogden, Mrs. George B. de Forest and Mrs. Samuel H. Valentine.

Mrs. H. Fairfield Osborn will give a dinner on Tuesday at her house, on Madison avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth Wickes have returned to the city from Tuxedo.

Miss Leary's Bellevue Hospital Sewing and Knitting Class, which works for the 1032 Fifth avenue.

Miss Maude Eustis, daughter of Mrs. Cartwright Eustis and a niece of the late James B. Eustis, will be married on April 10 at the home of her mother, in New Or-

The sewing class which works for the

Catholic Institute for the Blind met yester-

day at the home of Mrs. J. L. Phillips. No.

49 East 67th street. The members, who were addressed by the Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., on "Catholic Women in Society," include Mrs. Henry Waters Toft, Mrs. William Post, Mrs. George Stanton Floyd-Jones, Mrs. Charles Emory Smith and Mrs. William Smith.

The sewing class which works for the Nursery and Child's Hospital will meet this morning at the home of Mrs. William M. Kingsland, No. 1026 Fifth avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Ames Robbins are booked to sail for Bermuda to-morrow,

J. Pierpont Morgan, jr., has returned to town from his shooting trip in South Care-

Mrs. Colin Carter, who was the guest for afterward taking their guests to the co- a few days of Justice and Mrs. Charles & E. Hughes, in Washington, has returned to

Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard will sail from re soon for their new post in the South, Europe for New York at the end of this

(By Telegraph to The Tribune] Newport, Feb. 29 .- New additions to the summer colony at Jamestown are to be numerous this season. Already it has been announced that Edmund M. Parker, of the net spread by the Health Department | the United States has subsided our political | Liebenstein, the Austrian naval attache, | Cambridge: Robert S. Chew, of Washington; Mrs. I. W. Pleadwell, of Washington; Colonel Herbert Bryant, of Alexandria, Va.: H. W. Stokes, of Philadelphia; Mrs. E. T. Woodman, of Concord, N. H.; Ashton, of Wynnewood, Penn., and Grant Walker, of Boston, have taken cottages. ley, of Providence, and C. D. M. Cole, of

New York, are negotiating for cottages. Louis L. Lorillard has gone to New York for a few days.

Mrs. Charles M. Thomas and Miss Ruth Thomas have arrived at their cottage

MAJOR BUTT ENGAGED? LEGAL AID SOCIETY MEETS Rumor of Betrothal to Miss Dor. Handled 33,809 Cases in 1911 and Spent \$43,114 35.

The annual meeting of the Legal Aid So-Washington, Feb. 29.-The announced de- clety was held at the offices of the presibuld Butt, the President's aid and confi- street, resterday afternoon. The reports of

not then, immediately upon the return spoke briefly concerning the work the sothe efforts of the society for the better pr Mirs Williams has been duly engaged—so tection of saflors, the lessening of the evils for as rumor goes—to about all of the resulting from instalment purchases and the eligible men in Washington sectety since reduction of the injurious effects created treasurer showed the expenditures for 1911

At a meeting of the board of directors President, Arthur von Briesen; vice-president, Carl L. Schurz; treasurer, Louis Windmüller, and secretary, Cornelius I Kitchel. The name of Mrs. H. Fairfield Osborn was added to the list of honorary cice-presidents

DR. ENELOW DECLINES CALL

ing to New York. Louisville, Feb. 29.-The Rev. Dr. H. G.